

Sally Bohls, principal oboist, recently honored two other symphony musicians with the following tribute:

The Lewisville Lake Symphony is largely made up of players who teach. We have band directors, orchestra directors, private studio teachers and college professors who have a wealth of experience, knowledge, and love for our profession. We are all committed to supporting the arts in our schools and in our society. We all believe in children and understand what music can do to enhance their lives.

We want to honor two orchestra members who are retiring from Dallas Independent School District this year.

Jackie Akin, principal flutist in the orchestra, is retiring from her head band director position at Cary Middle School. Cary is one of the DISD schools that was declared a total loss after the October 20, 2019, tornado that came through Dallas. Her school and band students were divided between two other middle schools. Jackie is an amazing teacher. She is 100% committed to the kids in her band program. She was greatly distressed over the destruction of her school and the loss of instruments, music, and equipment. Mostly, she was heartbroken over what her band students were going through.

Ralph Morgan, bassoonist in the orchestra, is retiring from his head band director position at Greiner Middle School. Ralph has led the Greiner Academy bands for fourteen years. Although each teaching situation has been uniquely different, he has always been fortunate to work with excellent students and teachers. Ralph is committed to kids and instills a love of music in their lives. He understands the children of today are the leaders of tomorrow. Ralph is a wonderful source of positivity in the orchestra. His smile is always warm and welcoming.

We want to thank these two for their years of service teaching kids and helping them to appreciate music.